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KEY WEST.

He Writes of His Experience in the  
Regular Army Artillery.

Frank Johnson has received a letter from his brother, Oscar Johnson, who is with one of the artillery batteries of the regular army stationed at Key West, Florida. Oscar writes that he had to work very hard but that he was in good health. The soldiers are not held in much respect by the people because a Texas regiment which was formerly stationed there made themselves disagreeable. Oscar tells of a big fort which the government is building at Key West and says that a large force of men are at work on it and that it will be a splendid fortification when it is finished. He says the battery of which he is a member expects to be sent to the Philippines Islands and that is just what he wants.

The men are required to go to school one hour each day and are put through all kinds of drills, and Oscar states that there is a good deal to be learned. He says that recently the soldiers marched with the school children to the cemetery and planted flowers on the graves of the victims of the Maine. Oscar thinks he will like the army life after a while, but that he tried every way to unfit himself for the place. He was required to take another examination recently and tried to get thrown out on account of having a weak heart, but he says that the bluff didn't work.

Holiday Rates.

The Indiana, Decatur and Western railway will sell tickets between all stations and to all points in Central Passenger Association territory on December 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, and January 1 and 2, at one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good returning including January 3, 1899. For time of trains, rates, tickets and full information call on any L. D. and W. ticket agent or address John S. Lazarus, General Passenger Agent.—10-11W.

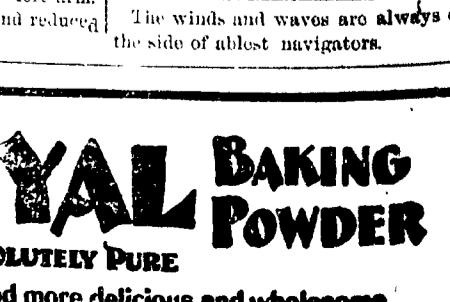
Gave a Dinner.

D. F. Wallace, who recently retired from the position of car repairer for the Illinois Central at Decatur, will leave Wednesday for Arkansas to engage in farming. On Christmas day Mr. Wallace entertained a number of his friends at dinner at his home, 513 East Condit street.

Shooting Match.

George Rupert gave a shooting match west of the St. Louis bridge on Monday afternoon. There was a good attendance and some excellent scores were made. The best shooting was done by Bob Humble, George Rupert and George Post.

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## DUELS TO KILL

Bold Hungarians Arrange  
Fights to a Finish.

## THE FIRST OF SIX MEETINGS

Pistols and Swords to Settle Quarrels  
in the Political Circles of Budapest—Wounds Inflicted—  
Nobody Killed.

LA DA PEST, Dec. 28.—The first of six duels arranged between M. Horansky, member of the lower house of the Hungarian diet, and his seconds, and the seconds of Baron Banffy, the Hungarian premier, growing out of the dispute still unsettled between the two principals, took place today between Baron Fejervary, minister of national defense, and Count Karolya. Pistols were the weapons, but the encounter was bloodless. Fejervary missed his opponent and the pistol of Karolya missed fire. Later Banffy's second, Gajuri and Horansky's second, Zemore, fought with swords. In the first encounter Zemore was cut on the head. After the wound was bound up the duel was resumed and Zemore was again severely wounded in the head. The seconds then stopped the fighting.

## DEWEY IS 61

Celebrated Birthday on Day of His  
Promotion to Rear Admiral.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Rear Admiral Dewey, the man who smashed Manila at Manila and gave us the Philippines, yesterday celebrated his 61st birthday, and by the retirement of Rear Admiral Bancroft, became on the same day, the ranking officer of the United States navy.

Graduated from Annapolis in 1858; entered in the old Wahash in the Mediterranean; made lieutenant in 1861 fighting with Farragut on the Mississippi as part of the West Gulf squadron; doing duty in the North Atlantic squadron, helping to survey the Pacific when peace had come again, and made commodore in 1895—such is the skeletonized life-sketch of the born strategist and fighter, club man, clear-headed officer and daring seaman, who is today keeping charge of our new possessions in the Indian seas and ranking rear admiral.

## LIVELY AT HAVANA

Incidents of a Day in the Chief City  
of Cuba.

HAVANA, Dec. 28.—Senor De Castro, the civil governor of Havana, acting in accord with General Ludlow, has issued an order forbidding any further bring of firearms or the carrying of firecrackers in the public thoroughfares. He also prohibits the assembling of crowds in the streets and parks after 5:30 p. m.; orders the closing of all places of entertainment, including the theatres and cafes, at 11 p. m.; forbids people taking part in certain African dances, in which the participants are dressed in devil costumes; forbids meetings of Nauigos and all manifestations which may give rise to conflicts between the Cubans and Spaniards and between Spaniards and Americans. Those who violate these laws are threatened with severe punishment.

A detachment of American artillery was admitted into Cubans fort yesterday in order that the men might familiarize themselves with the guns mounted there, so as to be able to salute the Spanish flag on January 1. Riga was evacuated by the Spaniards and occupied by the Americans.

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## IN A STEW

State and War Depart-  
ments All at Sea

## AS TO AFFAIRS AT ILIOLO

Cable Message from Consul Pratt  
Gives No Comfort—Specula-  
tion as to the Capture  
of the City.

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This morning Consul Pratt at Singapore cabled as follows: "Illoilo taken on December 26 and the Spanish fled to Borneo." This threw the officials into deeper doubt than before. The American expedition of 2000 men and the warships Baltimore and Oahu would scarcely have had time, it is said, to reach Illoilo by the 24th, so the inference is that the insurgents are in possession. Color was lent to this supposition by the fact reported in the dispatch that the Spaniards retreated to a strongly fortified town on the island of Mindanao. The fact that the Spaniards were retreating, whether to Borneo or Mindanao, is construed as an indication that the town was abandoned to the insurgents, as they would not have done this had the surrender been to the Americans.

A CONVICT'S CHRISTMAS.

TAYLORVILLE, Dec. 28.—Christians have had few favors for Joseph Reynolds, under sentence to the Chester penitentiary on a charge of horse stealing. Reynolds and his wife were arrested several months ago on this charge and while they were in jail the woman committed suicide. On Christmas day the unfortunate man asked that he might be allowed to visit his wife's grave. In company with a deputy sheriff he visited the potter's field and took a first and last look at the neglected mound. He will be taken to Chester in a few days.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Dec. 28.—The 14th annual meeting of the American Historical Association opened today. Papers read were on "Ireland for the Study of Scottish and Irish History," by Prof. H. Morso Stephens of Cornell University; "Practicable Methods of Conducting a Large History Course," by Professor Dunaway of the Leland Stanford University, and the report of the committee on the "Study of History in Secondary Schools," by Professor McLaughlin.

ALL A MISTAKE

The Miltonvale Bank in Kansas Still  
Open for Business.

ABILENE, KANSAS, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Miltonvale says that the statement sent out from this city to the effect that the Miltonvale bank of Oatlin Bros. had failed is a mistake. A special to the Reflector says the bank is still doing business at the old stand.

Reports from the firm are that they are all right and sound and have their paper in good shape. The Reflector says: "The publication in an Abilene evening paper of the statement that a leading business firm and the bank of Miltonvale had failed was entirely false."

MUST HAVE BEEN CRAZY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Louis Slick of 1904 North Marshfield avenue, chose a unique and horrible method yesterday to end his life. He lifted a lid from the stove and held his head against the glowing coals until he was burned so severely that he was rendered unconscious. He was found a few minutes later by his wife and eight hours later he died without regaining consciousness. Slick was 68 years old and was formerly a harness maker.

BAKING POWDER

AN OPENING FOR BUSINESS.

EVACUATION

Surrender of Illoilo by Rios, the Span-  
ish General.

MADRID, Dec. 28.—General Rios, Spanish commander in the Visayas, has telegraphed to the government from Illoilo, capital of the island of Panay, under date of December 21 as follows:

"Am preparing to embark on the steamer Leo XIII for Zamboanga, island of Mindanao, having yesterday (December 23) formally surrendered Illoilo in the presence of the military and naval commanders, the mayor and foreign consuls. Have charged the Gorizia consul with the protection of Spanish interests. Shall arrive at Manila by the end of the month."

Though the dispatch is ambiguous, it is assumed here that the surrender of Illoilo was to the Americans.

OHIO FIRE.

ALLIANCE, OHIO, Dec. 28.—Parthes shoe store and the Cassidy Drug and Chemical Co. suffered a loss of \$100,000 by fire early this morning.

There was one applicant before the Decatur Pension Board today, Mr. Thomas Evans, principal of the Jackson street school asked for an increase.

STATE TEACHERS IN SESSION

Midwinter Meeting at Springfield--

Supt. Gastman on Com-  
munity Life.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Dec. 28.—

The session of the 45th annual meeting of the Illinois State Teachers' association began in representatives' hall at 9 a. m., with a very large attendance of eminent educators from all parts of the state. The forenoon was given up almost entirely to addresses on the topic, "What Can the School Do to Improve Community Life?"

John W. Cook, president of the State Normal University, gave an address on "What Schools Can Do for the People," and D. B. Parkinson, president of the Southern Illinois Normal University, spoke on "What Schools Can Do for the Child."

DISCUSSION.

The discussion of the whole subject was opened by Hon. E. A. Gastman, superintendent of the Decatur schools. He said in part:

By the arrangement of your executive committee it falls to me to attempt to give in a few minutes some of the results of the work of the public schools that have been developed in the community in which I have worked for some years. I have been asked to tell you as nearly as possible how the schools have affected the life of the children and the people and what, if any, has been the permanent result upon society. The subject is a great one and it would be easy to weary you in its treatment. Therefore, it is proposed to simply touch very briefly upon a few things that illustrate the changes that have occurred in that city.

Undoubtedly it is still true that we may look upon either side of the shield and that our opinions will be largely affected by the standpoint which we occupy. It is not difficult to find men who believe that Christianity is a great failure and that this world is rapidly hastening to decay and destruction because of the shortcomings of professing Christians.

Unless the reporters have misinformed us there are a number of wise and honorable men in high places, who believe that the war just closed was a dreadful and awful failure and that our country is rapidly approaching certain destruction.

The same may be said of the question now before us. The pessimistic side of the shield will show the dreadful failure of the public schools to accomplish any good in the community.

The pupils can neither read nor reason, they are dishonest and untruthful, they are educated away from their "proper sphere in life," and can never be anything but a misery to themselves and a disappointment to their friends. But you know the truth.

Your speaker prefers to look upon the other side. He believes that the sun never looked down upon a brighter and better world than it does today and he takes the same optimistic view of popular education. The schools were never doing more for the people and the nation than in this year of grace, 1898.

But let us hasten to a consideration of the main questions.

Let us begin with a humble child in the community and see what the schools can do for him. No one will contend that much consideration should be given to the pecuniary value of an education. But this view of the matter is not entirely obsolete in our communities and probably will not be for many years. Let it be the lowest result of the schools if you please.

A negro boy graduated from our High school some 20 years ago. He was the first graduate of his race in that school. You know that under ordinary conditions he would have cleaned the stables of his Caucasian neighbors at from three to five dollars per week. But this boy at once entered a machine shop and rapidly worked up to the head of the steam-fitting department. For years he has received a salary of from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per day. There is no more respected workman in his native city today than that negro. A few years later his brother graduated from the same school and at once entered the University of Illinois. He was not able to complete a course in that institution, but in a short time he secured a position as a route agent in the United States postal service. He soon had the reputation of passing examinations among the very best in his department. As a result the government willingly paid \$1000 a year for his services. The father of these boys was a southern slave until middle life!

Did it pay these young men to get an education? Did it pay the state and the nation to help them to an education?

The growth of the appreciation in the community of the value of higher education shows in a remarkable manner the influence of the schools upon the life of the people. Twenty-five years ago one graduate of the high school stated that he proposed to go to college. The announcement caused almost a sensation in the town. He entered Cornell university and it is interesting to note as showing the influence of an individual act upon a community that for ten years nearly every man who sought the culture

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**OUT OF THE CITY**

**H. Clay Montgomery Left Sunday for Chicago.**

**He Has Not Returned and the Grain Commission Office was Closed by Dr. Tobey to Await Developments.**

H. Clay Montgomery, the active member of the firm of Montgomery, Tobey & Co., grain commission merchants, has left the city. He went away from Decatur on Sunday night, presumably for Chicago on business, and was to return yesterday morning, but he is still out of the city and it may be that he will not be seen in Decatur soon again. As to the cause of his mysterious departure there is no one who is able to throw any light on the matter, but it is supposed that financial difficulties were at the bottom of it. This supposition is based on the fact that today Justice O. W. Smith issued for the Decatur Gun company an attachment against Mr. Montgomery for the sum of \$22,55, which amount Mr. Montgomery owed the firm on a personal bill. The application for the attachment on the part of the Decatur Gun company was not made until the matter was thoroughly investigated and it seemed apparent that Mr. Montgomery had left the city for good and all.

Dr. R. E. Tobey, who was Mr. Montgomery's partner in the grain business, was seen this afternoon at his dental offices in the Haworth block.

"All the statement I have to make about the matter," said Dr. Tobey, "is that Mr. Montgomery left the city on Sunday evening, announcing that his intention was to go to Chicago and return on Tuesday morning. As it is he has not yet returned and I have reason to believe that he did not go to Chicago. Mr. Montgomery was the active member of the grain firm and I was simply associated with him in a financial way. He attended to all the grain business at the office in the Powers block, as my attention is taken up entirely with the practice of dentistry."

Dr. Tobey says that for the present he has closed the grain office and suspended business. Not being actively engaged in the operation of the business he said he was unable at present to say anything as to the financial condition of the firm and refused to express himself in that regard on the grounds that he did not care to commit himself until he was able to substantiate his statements and knew exactly in what condition matters had been left by Mr. Montgomery.

If financial entanglement was the cause of Mr. Montgomery's disappearance, it is not known at present what his liabilities are, further than the attachment claim mentioned above, but it is supposed that money difficulties of some kind was the cause of his action.

**MOFFETT HOUSE PARTY.**

**Christmas Week of Festivities at the Home of W. T. Moffett.**

The family reunion at the home of Hon. and Mrs. W. T. Moffett in Blue Mound township is still in progress and will last all week. It began on Christmas day with a big dinner for the entire company of 30 people, old and young. It is the first time all of the Moffett family have been together at a reunion and it was a most enjoyable occasion. There were present Hon. and Mrs. W. T. Moffett, E. H. Hall and family of Mechanicsburg, E. W. Allen and family of Harrington, William Rugh, L. R. Moffett and W. D. Moffett and families of Blue Mound, John B. Moffett and family of Decatur. There were six children, 10 grand children, three daughters-in-law and three sons-in-law, the total number being 30. Mr. Moffett, who has represented Macon county in the state senate, was born in Illinois and is 72 years of age. Mrs. Moffett was born in Vermont 65 years ago. The couple were married in 1856 and came here direct from Vermont. Abraham Lincoln in the '90's was an attorney for Mr. Moffett.

**MORRILL'S FUNERAL.**

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Arrangements for the funeral of the late Senator Morrill have been completed. Services will be held in the Senate chambers Saturday noon conducted by Rev. E. B. Leavitt of All Souls' Union church, where Senator Morrill**

**SORE LUNGS**

Sore lungs, pain in the chest and painful breathing, the fore-runners of pneumonia, are quickly relieved and cured by the old reliable Dr. John W. Bull's COUGH SYRUP. It breaks up a cold in one night. Try it at once.

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attended. He will be assisted by Rev. Dr. Milburn, the blind Senate chaplain. The remains will be taken to the family home at Stratford, Vt., though they will probably be entombed here for a time until the family mausoleum is completed.

**BRYAN'S VIEWS**

**In Brief on the Subject of Expansion and the 1900 Campaign.**

OMAHA, NEB., Dec. 28.—William J. Bryan arrived today from Chicago and this afternoon left for Lincoln. When asked if he thought the question of imperialism would overshadow the money question in the campaign of 1900 Bryan said it is difficult at this time to tell what relation those subjects would bear to each other. He thought if Congress would adopt a resolution pledging the government to keep the Philippines only as a trust for their people, as we do Cuba, until a stable government is established, the expansion issue will be at an end. However, the question, if not settled in some such way, would continue to be a matter for discussion until disposed of, and would, therefore, remain one of the issues before the people. With regard to Porto Rico Bryan said the situation could be simplified if the people of the island should first be permitted to vote whether they desired annexation to this country or the formation of an independent republic.

**SEXTON EXECUTED.**

PRINCETON, MO., Dec. 28.—Fra Sexton was hanged here today for killing Nathan Stark, a young farmer, a year ago.

**AUSTRALIA GOLD.**

MELBOURNE, Dec. 28.—Gold shipments from Australia for the year 1898 amounted to 12,820,000 pounds. The shipments to America increased 2,000,000 pounds.

**BORN.**

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Henry, of 153 West Washington street, on Wednesday, Dec. 28, a daughter.

—Miss Emma Borchers is spending the holidays with relatives and friends at Corro Gordo.

**For Sale.**

The stock and fixtures of the Bee Hive Grocery Store, situated at 601 North Water street. For further particulars call on or address Wm. A. Holman, assignee, 104 East Prairie Ave., Decatur, Ill.

**PHILIPPINE INSURGENTS.**

They Are Swayed and Led On by Different Leaders—Against do Power.

The Insurgent's facility of movement and indifference to hardships, which would be insurmountable to other troops, have made the conquest of Luzon a speedy and easy matter to them. It was in this conquest that the independent spirit of the different leaders has been shown, and it was only after the success gained by other generals that Aguinaldo began to appreciate the fact that, while the commander in chief in name, he was, in the opinion of many of his generals, only a partner in the enterprise. For example, Gen. Macabulus, a young man of about 30 years, has raised an army and has taken possession of three of the richest provinces in the northwest. Aguinaldo proposed, not long ago, to send Macabulus to another part of the island. Suspecting that he was to be freed from his command on account of his popularity in the north he refused to go, saying his provinces would have to be conquered by Aguinaldo before he would leave them. A few days later he forwarded to Aguinaldo as a guarantee of good faith in the cause of the insurrection, the sum of \$5,000 in cash. This was since the young commander in chief moved his headquarters from Bacoor in the province of Cavite, to Malolos, in the province of Bulacan, about 25 miles north of Manila, where the revolutionary government was formally organized recently. The action of Macabulus is not unique. Several other prominent leaders openly refuse to recognize the absolute authority of Aguinaldo, each of them refusing to submit to his dictatorship any further than is compatible with his own personal interests. Aguinaldo's power seems to be chiefly among the lowest class of natives, who have a superstitious veneration for him that is quite inexplicable. They believe that he bears a charmed life, and that no bullet or knife of the enemy can injure him. Not only do they wear on their chest in battle representations of religious symbols crudely drawn on cotton cloth, and carry in their mouths bits of parchment or paper with similar designs drawn in pencil in a magic circle (they call these charms *ang-ting*), but they even carry Aguinaldo's name as a fetich.—F. D. Miller, in *Harper's Weekly*.

**A War Incident.**

While securing the Winslow to the Hudson an incident occurred which forces itself through the crush of sad memories and causes a smile. One of the Winslow's crew was conspicuous for his quickness, knowledge and adaptability. He knew where everything was and how to do everything, and he was usually there to do it. But, from the time the first line was made fast until we were miles out of range of the shore, his sole idea was to get another shot at the Spaniards. The minute he could drop the work before him he would jump to a gun, throw off where the shot landed so long as it would go and let drive, caring nothing of where the shot landed so long as it went in the direction of the shore.

—Dr. R. L. Walston has returned from a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Peacock Clubb of Brooklyn.

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—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Meriwether are in Chicago.

—Berry Ennis has returned to Chicago.

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**DAMAGES WANTED**

By W. L. Ferguson from C. N. Wilcoxon.

**\$1,200 CLAIMED TO BE DUE**

For Eight Months' Salary at a Position Which Ferguson Never Got—Praeice Filed To-Day.

In the office of the circuit clerk this afternoon W. L. Ferguson, ex-manager of the City Electric Railway Co., filed through his attorney, David Hutchinson, a suit against C. N. Wilcoxon, the present manager of the electric road. Only the praecipe in the case was filed and the damages are placed at \$1200. The declaration will be filed later.

Attorney Hutchinson when asked about the case said it was a suit brought by Mr. Ferguson to recover eight months' salary at \$150 per month, which he claims is due him from Mr. Wilcoxon. The attorneys said that Mr. Ferguson was offered and accepted a situation by a certain party at the price named and that later it developed that the party was C. N. Wilcoxon, and that the prosecution would endeavor to establish the fact that the party offering the position was Mr. Wilcoxon and hold him responsible for the salary which was promised Mr. Ferguson and which was accepted by him.

It will be remembered that Mr. Ferguson resigned his position as manager of the street car company to take the management of an electric road in Indiana. Mr. Wilcoxon was appointed to succeed him in the management of the local road.

**EXECUTION OF JIM BROWN.**

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 28.—James Brown, colored, was hanged in the county jail today for the murder of Henry Prather, also a negro, two years ago in a row over a woman. Brown was captured in Quincy, Ill., a year later.

**JUST A TRINKET**

All That Seabrooke Has to Meet His Obligations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Thomas Q. Seabrooke, the actor, today filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. Seabrooke states that his liabilities are \$39,075. As an offset to this Seabrooke states that the only property he has is one scarf pin.

**PEAKE & SONS'****ONE-HALF OFF SALE!****All This Week.**

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A 100 Oak Clock for \$2.00. Plenty of goods on hand of the very choicest. A \$20 watch for \$10; a \$10 watch for \$5.00. All goods marked in plain figures, and you can tell at a glance what bargains we are offering.

This stock must be cleaned out this week. If you want a watch or clock, or piece of silverware or jewelry, you can get it at just one-half off—this week only.

Don't fail to attend this sale.

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**PERSONAL.**

—Mrs. Frank Stafford of Champaign is the guest of Decatur relatives.

—Miss Lida McGowan of Jacksonville is spending the holidays with her parents.

—Mrs. Will Ritchie of Warrensburg was in the city today.

—Miss Luine George of Auburn is the guest of her aunt, Miss Anna Lyons of 438 North Church street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Draper and Mrs. S. D. May of Mt. Zion were in the city today.

—James Boyles of 935 North Clayton street is ill of pneumonia.

—C. C. Armstrong of the Mueller Manufacturing company, who has been seriously ill, is able to be up and about the house.

—I. H. Burgoon, formerly the receiver of the T. H. and P. road, now of Fremont, Ohio, was in the city for a short visit today.

—H. C. Stultz has returned from a 10 days' stay at Joplin, Mo.

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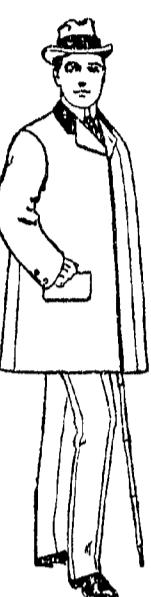
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### LOCAL NEWS.

Davis—Cars 25c, Trunks 15c.

Arnold's Bromo-Ceisery cure head  
aches, 10, 25, 50 cents. Bell, the druggist.

The officers of the Sunday school for  
the coming year will be elected at  
College street chapel on next Sunday.

Geo. W. Ehrlhart loans money on  
any goods. Collateral, best rates.

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You pay a little more for the clothes  
that Denz makes but—

Picture Frames 10 cents and up.  
Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co.—22-dw

Miss Maude Dill and Miss Elizabeth  
Matthews were hostesses for the  
Card club at the home of Miss Dill on  
North Water street last evening.

California fruits at Grossner's, 148  
East Prairie.

Why send your money out of town  
when we take your subscriptions at  
publisher's prices.

L. CHODAT'S News House.

The election of Christian church  
officers credited in last evening's Repub-  
lican to the Edward street church,  
had reference to those chosen by the  
Christian tabernacle congregation.  
The error was at once apparent to the  
members of both churches.

Pains in the chest when a person has  
a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumo-  
nia. A piece of flannel dampened with  
Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on  
to the chest over the seat of pain  
will promptly relieve the pain and  
prevent the threatened attack of pneumo-  
nia. This same treatment will cure a  
lame back in a few hours. Sold by J.  
E. King and C. F. Shilling.

Now an Editor.

Anthony Breath, formerly a printer  
of this city and well known in Decatur,  
is now editor of a newspaper at  
Milford, Ill. He left this city a number  
of years ago to go on a farm, but  
he has given up his agricultural pur-  
suits and is one of the proprietors of  
the Milford Independent.

Holiday Rates.

The P. D. and E. Ry. will sell  
tickets between points on its line on  
December 29, 30, 31 and January 1, at rate of one and one  
third fare for the round trip. Tickets  
good returning until January 3. Call  
on your ticket agent for particulars as  
to territory—2-28d.

Two Women In Jail.

Lucy Bell and her daughter, May  
Bell, were arrested last night and are  
now in the city prison. They are  
charged with keeping a disreputable  
house on North Calhoun street. Their  
cases will be given attention in the  
county court.

ANNUAL FEAST.

Members of Fire Department Will  
Give Their 'Possum Supper.'

The members of the city fire depart-  
ment are making extensive prepara-  
tions for their annual 'possum supper,'  
which they will give next Saturday  
evening at the Morgan street fire  
house. Those who are invited to the  
supper are the members of the fire depart-  
ment, the fire commissioners, the  
mayor and city council and city offi-  
cials. The firemen have made for  
themselves a reputation for giving  
'possum suppers surpassed by none  
and the affair this year will be  
up to the standard, which was estab-  
lished in past years.

ACCIDENT AT ELKHART.

Mrs. R. J. Oglesby and Dwight Funk  
Injured by a Fall.

Springfield News: "Dwight Funk,  
the captain and crack half back of the  
Bloomington Bicycle club football  
team, which played in this city yes-  
terday, met with a painful accident  
while on his way home this morning.  
He boarded the north bound train and  
was standing on the front end of the  
chair car when the train arrived at  
Elkhart, where it was stopped to allow  
Mrs. Oglesby to get off. When the  
lady stepped from the car step to the  
platform, she slipped, and Mr. Funk  
attempted to catch her, when he lost  
his footing and also fell. When he  
was picked up, it was found that he  
had sustained a gash several inches  
long on his forehead. He was taken  
to a physician's office, where the  
injuries were dressed."

**Coughing**

Constant coughing is very annoying,  
and the continuous hacking and irritation  
will soon attack and injure the delicate  
lining of the throat and air  
passages. Take advice and use Dr.  
Bull's Cough Syrup in time. This  
wonderful remedy will cure you.

**Dr. Bull's  
COUGH SYRUP**

Cures a Cough or Cold at once.

Doses are small and pleasant to take. Doctor  
recommends it. Price 25 cts. At all druggists.

## THE GOLDEN AGE

Third Number of Taber-  
nacle Entertainment  
Course.

The State, Church and Home Defined

by Dr. Z. T. Sweeney of Vir-  
ginia—Heard by Large  
Audience.

The third number of the tabernacle  
course was presented last evening by  
the Hon. Z. T. Sweeney of Richmond,  
Va., a writer, orator, minister of the  
gospel and a politician. Mr. Sweeney  
defined the causes of the outflowing  
of his talents in the many directions as:  
A writer from inclination, a preacher  
by instinct, a politician by circum-  
stances and a lecturer from sheer,  
downright necessity.

The speaker talked on "The Golden  
Age," dividing his subject into three  
distinct sections, "The State," "The  
Church" and "The Home." The  
golden age of the state, he said, was  
when the government ministers in the  
highest degree to the wants of man,  
when all parts of our government  
serve the rights and liberties of the  
individual. This possibility is the  
peculiar greatness of our government.  
We are not the greatest nation on the  
earth in some respects. We are not  
the greatest in geographical extent,  
armies, navies, libraries, museums,  
art galleries, cathedrals, in all this  
we are comparatively infantile. The  
greatness of our government lies in its  
ability to stimulate and elevate the  
individual. Hence our splendid school  
system which teaches the individual  
to think, our splendid printing press,  
giving our citizens the right to speak,  
our splendid ballot box, giving the  
individual the right of action, our  
presidential chair, reached only by the  
broad road of the common people,  
which declares universal political  
equality. All those are made possible  
and available by the protection of the  
star spangled banner, filled with glory  
and bathed in splendor.

But there are great dangers menac-  
ing and threatening all these elements  
of our peculiar greatness. The little  
red school house is attracted by in-  
fluences which threaten the dissolu-  
tion of the school system. The print-  
ing press for good is being threatened  
by the vicious and corrupt literature  
of the day. The power of the ballot  
box and presidential chair are threat-  
ened by the gerrymanders tampering  
with the tally sheet and by political  
rings. The care for all these evils,  
the speaker declared to be the robust  
and masculine asserting of individ-  
uality by the citizen.

GOLDEN AGE OF THE CHURCH.

The golden age of the church, which  
like our government, exists for man, is  
when it ministers to his welfare in  
the highest degree. The church of  
the future will not be known by its  
doctrinal and theological color, nor by  
the amount of motion, emotion or  
commotion which it will exercise;  
neither by its criticisms, nor by its  
cynicisms nor its forms, but by its go-  
ing about doing good like its master.  
The church that takes a bad man and  
makes him good, that takes a good  
man and makes him better, is the  
coming church.

GOLDEN AGE OF THE HOME.

The home will reach its golden age  
when it reaches its highest ministry

to man. If at the marriage altar the  
young man and wife pledge themselves  
in heart each to be the servant of the  
other, that home will be a happy one.

If, however, they enter into the mar-  
riage compact with views of having  
their rights, look out for the tomahawk  
and the scalping knife.

The large audience which is charac-  
teristic of the tabernacle attractions  
showed their appreciation of the  
speaker's remarks by frequent and  
vigorous applause. Mr. Sweeney told  
a great many stories that have been  
repeated by public speakers before,  
but never in just the way in which  
they were repeated last evening. He  
is a forceful, earnest and entertaining  
speaker, carrying the weight of sim-  
plicity in every word he utters.

## AT THE GRAND.

MARLOWE THURSDAY NIGHT.

Julia Marlowe has never been more  
becomingly gowned than as "The  
Countess Valeska."

The apple green velvet Empire costume,  
in which she makes her first appearance, suits her  
to perfection, accentuating as it does  
her graceful lines and dignified carriage.

When she entertains the Emperor  
Napoleon at dinner and wears a  
heavy white corded silk, embroidered  
in gold, with filmy silk shawl carried  
gracefully about her shoulders, a  
dainty jeweled fan in her hand, she  
is indeed a veritable countess. In the  
last act amid the strife of battle, she dons a pale yellow wool gown with  
sable trimmings, very picturesque  
and appropriate.

## HOLIDAY BRIDES.

Muir-Cameron and Crist-Rankin Wed-  
dings Celebrated Tuesday Evening.

Miss Frances B. Cameron, daughter  
of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cameron of

1082 North Monroe street, was mar-  
ried to Hugh Muir of Chicago at the

residence of her parents at 8 o'clock

last evening. The ceremony was per-  
formed by Rev. George F. Hall of the  
Christian tabernacle in the presence  
of a large assemblage of friends and  
relatives, and was followed by an  
elaborate wedding supper. The gifts  
were numerous, valuable and beauti-  
ful.

The newly married couple will re-  
main in Decatur until January, when  
they will go to Chicago, where the  
groom is employed as a plumber, to re-  
side.

GRIST-RANKIN.

Marriage rites for Miss Grace Ran-  
kin and Charles Crist of Monticello  
were performed by Rev. George F.  
Hall at his residence at 6 o'clock last  
evening, in the presence of a few  
friends.

The bride formerly lived in Decatur  
and is well known here. The groom  
is a farmer of Piatt county. They re-  
turned to Monticello today.

## TEACHERS IN SESSION

Continued from First Page.

given by the colleges entered the same  
institution. Today there are a large  
number of her pupils among our busi-  
ness men.

About 15 years ago, the current sud-  
denly changed. A graduate of the  
University of Michigan became a  
popular teacher in the High school  
and at once the boys and girls began  
to look toward that celebrated institu-  
tion. From that time until now more  
of our young people have been in Ann  
Arbor than in any other college town.

It may not be inappropriate to say  
this present that we are now making  
a vigorous effort to turn the tide  
and before long we hope to be able to  
say that we have more of our students  
in that magnificent institution at Ur-  
bana than in all the other colleges in  
the country.

We have representatives at Illinois,  
Chicago, Northwestern, Michigan,  
Lehigh, Yale and Harvard universi-  
ties and in numerous colleges  
and it is probably safe to say that  
at least 50 of our pupils are now in  
advanced institution of learning.

The fine arts have neither been neg-  
lected nor forgotten. A musical culture  
club has served as an inspiration to  
all lovers of music. It has not only  
brought the joys of this noble art  
into the homes, the churches and the  
societies of the city, but it has placed  
our citizens under great obligations  
by bringing distinguished artists  
from other sections of the country  
and giving to all the unspeakable  
pleasure of listening to their rendering  
of the works of the masters.

An art class has for 10 consecutive  
years held regular meetings and studied  
the history and the technique of art  
and the biography of artists, thus keep-  
ing alive in the community a love of  
the highest ideals in sculpture and in  
painting; yes, the old masters are  
much adored in the little prairie city.

A concert society brings forth things  
beautiful and fair for the adornment  
of the home. As Ruskin says:  
"Ideas of beauty are among the noblest  
which can be presented to the human  
mind, invariably exalting and purifying  
it according to their degree." It is  
ever true that beautiful and pure  
homes are the safe guards of the na-  
tion and the precursors of the kingdom  
of God on earth.

In conclusion, it may be said that  
there has been a marked and continuous  
growth in literary, artistic and aes-  
thetic culture in the community. The  
number of books, magazines and works  
of art purchased annually has con-  
sistently increased. Beauty as well as utility  
has been considered in the erection  
of the churches, schools and homes.

Even the three room cottage is no  
longer the unsightly square box of  
former years. I believe that it may  
be said truthfully that probity, purity  
and patriotism have kept pace in  
growth with all the other virtues so  
that today it may be declared that we  
have grown not only in knowledge  
but are better grounded than ever be-  
fore in our love of country, home and  
God.

There was a general discussion of  
the topic. The closing address was  
given by Hon. E. B. Andrews, super-  
intendent of the Chicago schools.

BORN.

To Mr. and Mrs. Carver, corner of  
Eldorado and Union streets, on Tues-  
day, December 27, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Oliver of  
North Water street, on December 27, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. P. G. Elkin at  
the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. B.  
Culbertson of North Water street, on  
December 27, a daughter.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1898.

**THE SEER HAS AN OPINION.**

The Rev. M. S. Newcomer, in a profound to his sermon Sunday evening, gave his opinion as to how a newspaper should be conducted. The Republican congratulates the reverend gentleman on his success in getting back to earth, where he is content to have an opinion, instead of claiming that he is a seer, and as such, is endowed with infinite power to deliver divine messages touching matters of which he, as a finite being, could not have the knowledge he ascribes.

The reverend gentleman has been trying to forget that the Republican's contention has been that he does not possess this infinite power, and that when he assailed the government as he did, in the prologue to which the Republican took exception, he did it, not as a seer, but as a partisan on the same plane as the ordinary political slanderer who does it for political effect. It is a pleasure, therefore, to note that he has himself, under his recent tutelage abandoned that ground as being untenable and now contends himself with having an opinion that was assailed.

He is quoted as saying in his last address to newspapers, that:

"When that broadminded and charitable era will dawn upon the world, men will not be controlled by such narrow bigotry and passions as to be thrown into paroxysms of rage when others express an opinion adverse to their own."

This sounds well and it looks well in print; much better than a claim to have a commission from God to "smite sin in high places," when a fellow don't know anything about the sins he smites, except what he reads in some partisan newspaper that is devoting its time to breading down an administration which it opposes only from a party standpoint. But the Republican is more charitable than the Rev. Mr. Newcomer seems to think, for it is willing to concede that when he made his broad, ill-advised and unpatriotic assault on the government, he believed he was honest and was doing God a service. Paul was in that state of mind when he held the coats of those who stoned Stephen. So he confesses. It was Paul's opinion that Stephen should be stoned or put to death. When on his way to Damascus his opinion was that all Christ's followers should be slain. Paul's opinion, however, was erroneous. He learned that lesson in his conversion and ever after that he was very modest in announcing opinions. He was much more devoted to facts. He found that prejudice was an unsafe guide. So even an honest opinion may be a mis-taken one. Rev. Newcomer has trained in a school where the first requirement for good standing is prejudice against the Republican party, which led to the opinion that everything connected with that party is bad. When one is once in that state it is easy to assail a Republican administration with all sorts of wickedness. Any sort of trash trumped up is eagerly seized and made to do duty in forming an opinion. This is clearly the way the Rev. Newcomer formed what he now calls an opinion, instead of the words of a seer, and which the Republican is generous enough to concede was an honest opinion from his point of view. It was honest because he believed it. The errors of his school led him into this mistake however. What one believes has nothing to do with the facts. There were those who believed and some who still believe, the world to be flat instead of spherical. That opinion did not change the facts. Brother Jasper has an opinion. It is "dat de sun do move. Do earth do not move," but that good brother's opinion has nothing to do with the facts, or rather the facts have nothing to do with his opinion, though the opinion may be honestly held. Herein lies Rev. Newcomer's error. He no doubt believes that Congress is recking with corruption; that the president is unpatriotic and that all his devoted work for the honor of the nation and the nation's flag is fit only for condemnation and so he condemned the government, first as a seer with infinite wisdom and God's commission to smite sin in high places, but now because it was his opinion. The Republican in its former contention clearly showed that the Rev. Newcomer could not and did not know the facts and therefore his claim to be a seer was an imposition. His opinion is worthless for the same reason. Opinions which uplift the world must be based on known facts, not on prejudice or gossip.

Those who assailed the government when Abraham Lincoln was president believed themselves honest just as Rev. Newcomer does, but the trouble with them was their opinions were due to prejudice and the slanders of those who were trying to break down Lincoln's administration. The man who assassinated him believed himself a patriot. Some one in the Decatur Review files to the defense of Rev. New-

comer with the declaration that he is patriotic; that a more patriotic, loyal citizen never breathed." That may be true but his utterances for which he has been criticised were not patriotic and he seems to think that a tree is to be judged by its fruit. When Cleveland was president he and the American Congress were the government. In his contention with England over the Venezuelan affair every Republican paper in the land supported him. That was patriotic. They did the same when he sent the United States troops to restore order during the Dobs strike. That was patriotic. But these facts Rev. Newcomer forgot in his prologue on the partisan press. It would have been a good thing to refer to, but perhaps he was not looking for facts as much as he was looking for effect.

The trouble is there are too many people who mistake their prejudices and erroneous opinions for patriotism. President McKinley and the American Congress comprise the government now, and it is patriotic to sustain the government in its contention with foes within and without. It is not patriotic to assail the president and Congress with corruption and licentiousness in face of the enemies of our country for mere partisan effect, and the Republican cannot quite subscribe to the declaration that the citizen who permits his prejudice to lead him to do this is as patriotic as any man who breathes. On this point the Republican would prefer McKinley, Dewey, Sampson, Hobson and the American Congress, who have all been assailed by the Rev. Newcomer who now has an opinion. If a million of our citizens were the kind of patriots Rev. Newcomer is trying to be in the present crisis and openly and publicly assailed it, what would become of the government? Who would sustain it? Would it not be rent to pieces with internal strife? Would not the assassin's dagger be dripping with blood? and would not chaos reign supreme?

Partisanship is justifiable when the people are deciding what party and what principles shall prevail, but when it is carried to the extent of trying to break down the government in a crisis like this, in face of the enemy, it is unpatriotic and dangerous. We need to court true citizenship as well as true religion.

**NO HUMBUG HERE.**

**Decatur Endorsement is What Counts with the Decatur Public.**

You can't fool the public all the time.

They will find you out at last. Every time a man is fooled.

Another skeptic is made.

Many the remedy that makes the skeptic.

It fails to keep its promise.

Doan's Kidney Pills bring renewed faith.

They cure the skeptic.

Plenty of proof of this at home.

Decatur proof for Decatur people.

Our citizens say they cure backache.

Cure urinary disorders.

Cure sick kidneys.

Experience has taught them this is so.

Conviction for every sufferer.

In the testimony of friends and neighbors.

Mr. W. W. Shockley, of 919 West Wood street, carpenter and millwright, says: "In the spring of 1893 I had a severe attack of kidney trouble. I was bedridden and the physician who treated me called it kidney colic. Under his treatment I improved some but since then I had a dull aching in the small of my back which lay there like a heavy pressure. Lifting or stooping always aggravated it and caused sharp pain in my groins, and at such times I suffered from a kidney weakness. Last spring, 1897, I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised and so highly recommended by those who had used them that I decided to give them a trial and got a box at a drug store. I read the directions carefully and took them accordingly. Gradually the pain began to leave me and when I had used the whole box I felt so encouraged that I bought a second. When I had taken it I was entirely free from all pain in my back and groin and I have been so ever since. Doan's Kidney Pills are an excellent kidney remedy and as such I can recommend them to anyone in need of a good kidney medicine."

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name Doan's and take no substitutes.

**No Humbug.**

Foley's Honey and Tar does not claim to perform miracles. It does not claim to cure all cases of consumption or asthma, but it does claim to give comfort and relief in advanced stages of those diseases and to usually cure early stages. It is certainly worth trying by those afflicted or threatened with these dread diseases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

The servant girl who doesn't know her place shows that knowledge isn't the only thing that is power.

Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. But early to bed and a Little Early Riser, the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling.

H. H. Scattarday has been appointed conservator of the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Moore at Pontiac, F. G. White declining to qualify.

For Kidney Trouble there is nothing better than Foley's Honey Cure, everyone who tries it will like to this. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling.

S. G. and E. A. Myers of Champaign have bought the boot and shoe stock of B. M. Zybell at Monticello and will continue the business at the latter place.

**HUMOR IN SMALL "ADS."**

Some Funny Things Are Found in the "For Sale or Exchange" Column.

There is more than one way of getting rid of some article you don't want and getting hold of something you really need, or think you need, which is the same thing. If a man owns a dog and hankers for a watch, he doesn't have to sell the animal and then use that money in purchasing the time-piece. That was the way it was done years ago, but the "For Sale or Exchange" column in the Sunday newspapers have changed the method of operation. Pianos are exchanged for sealskins and jewelry. Books are taken in trade for silverware for the table and harnesses. Sign painting goes for clothes, and stenography for bicycles. One young woman advertises: "First-class teacher, with best of references, will give stage or society dancing lessons for dry goods, shoes or anything useful." Another person says: "Opals or amethysts for silverware, typewriter or hardware." A laundress who wants to learn to play the piano says: "Wanted—Piano lessons in exchange for laundry work or sealing skins."

Apparently many of these traders are willing to take nearly anything of value, and, of course, each one expects to get the best of the bargain. There must often be heart-burnings and many sad words when the man who has traded an Angora cat for dental work finds that his teeth have been filled with plumbers' solder, or the woman who has exchanged a Persian rug for an alarm clock discovers that the time-piece runs only on Thursday evenings, and then strikes nothing but 33.

One enterprising individual advertises: "Best French conversation in exchange for cash or solid goods." It may be said that there are many persons who would also like to trade large bunches of "best English conversation" for cheese sandwiches or an old pair of pants.

A family with lots of board, but a houseful of leaky pipes, wants to "exchange good board for plumbing; walking distance," and a man with a large wardrobe but nothing to hunt with wants "up-to-date gun for winter suit, No. 42." A hotel man will "give interest in the business for use of furniture for 15 rooms," while a man on the South side would like to exchange dentistry for housework.

One advertisement which is slightly ambiguous reads: "Wanted—Lady for light housekeeping in exchange for good home," and a "competent stenographer" desires to exchange her services for board and room, while still a third says: "Bookkeeper's desk, show case and gun for tailoring or any old thing."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

**THE ALASKAN VESUVIUS.**

The Glare from the Spouting Lava Turns Night Into Day—Not Yet Named.

Further information of the active volcano discovered in the Atlin gold district in British Columbia is to the effect that the volcano furnishes the miners a light by which to work their claims during the long darkness of the Arctic winter. The glare from the spouting lava, reflected back against the sky, gives an almost continuous twilight to the upper end of the Atlin district.

All the passengers of the steamer Cottage City, arriving from Alaska, have stories to tell of the volcano, but from Dr. W. B. Kinsloe and T. H. James, mining men of Denver, who have been making an examination of the Atlin country, comes the best and apparently most authentic description of the Alaskan Vesuvius.

"The mountain in eruption," said Dr. Kinsloe, "is the second in a range of four towering peaks lying about 50 miles due south of Lake Gladies and a slightly shorter distance from Atlin City. These mountains are of at least 14,000 feet altitude, the crater resting slightly below its three brother peaks.

"It was in the early part of October that the smoke was first seen issuing from the mountain. With the thought of a volcano furthest from their minds, the miners attributed these first signs of an eruption to clouds hanging about the peak. So constant, however, was the cloud that it became an object of daily observation from Atlin City. Then, on November 8, the mountain burst forth in flames. Through the smoke cloud there shot a stream of molten lava, boulders and ashes that brightened the sky for a radius of nearly 40 miles and sent its reflected light through the darkness down upon the men working on Birch, Discovery, McRae, Pine and other creeks, the sides of whose banks face towards the volcano.

"A panic ensued among the miners when the ashes began falling down upon them.

"The ashes fell to a depth of several inches and the stream down the mountain side increased in magnitude. The fall of ashes later stopped and the men returned to work.

"When we left the miners were working nights, gladly profiting by the mellow twilight caused by the volcano's glare, which turned night into day.

"No name has yet been given to the mountain, but when we left, the Canadian officials at Atlin were preparing for an expedition to the volcano and will undoubtedly christen it."—St. Louis Republic.

**A Bright Stove Blacking.**

Finely powder half a pound of ordinary blacklead, sift it and mix with the whites of three eggs, well beaten. Dilute these ingredients with sour beer until a thin liquid, like French leather polish, is obtained, and set it over a hot fire to simmer for about a quarter of an hour. When cold the blacking will be quite ready for use.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

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**WINTER MILLINERY.**

Fur Is Much in Evidence and Flowers Are Used in Trimming.

The midseason always reaches out both ways in making selections in fur wear. It looks toward Paris for any new events that the early season and the great occasions there may have produced, and it looks backward as far as last winter for the best ideas there, bringing these two extremes together, takes what is prettiest, and there you have the midwinter hat in all its glory.

Paris is talking about white hats to-day, and is wearing them. Beautiful things they are, too, made of coarse cream lace interwoven with chenille. These shapes are trimmed in whatever flowers, feathers and plumes "my lady milliner" pleases.

New York is leaving its popular craze for angel wings used crosswise, and for the walking shapes is substituting sweeping ostrich plumes, or paradise, on shapes of the Amazon variety, though very much more elaborate and ornate than the hats of last year.

The other prime favorites are hats, capotes, turbans and toques made of fur. These are really beautiful contrivances. Nothing is more lovely than a gray chinchilla fur toque with two large ostrich plumes held by an aligator of silver-mounted rhinestones. With mink fur are used the very popular entor plumes, and with sable fur fascinators.

These fur hats are to be the thing, and they are truly artistic and suitable to the season. Flowers are also a great rage, and are as much used in combination with furs and velvets. Many of the most beautiful hats have garnitures of large wintery leaves surmounted with dahlia, asters and chrysanthemums, which are to-day the favored flowers in Paris, but do not forget that Paris changes its hats frequently. It is more of a monthly matter there, and when one comes to look at it in the right light there is the usual particular fitness which characterizes French provision, both for living and attire.—American Queen.

Oscar Miller of Cropsey and Miss Ella Worrick of Fairbury were married December 21.

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## BOND OF \$1,375

Chris Laux Was Held to  
Await Grand Jury.

## THIRTEEN STATE WARRANTS

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Witnesses Were Examined and  
Identified Their Property  
on the Stand.

of Chris Laux came up to the court of Justice Hardy, the man who was arrested in and who had in his possession a collection of stolen property—harness, saddle, a gun, meat and tools. There warrants against him, seven laymen and six charging

ay J. L. Latham appeared to and Attorney J. T. Whaley to defend Laux. A lot stolen stuff was brought into and the place looked very like a second hand store. The witnesses from whom the were stolen were put on the to identify their property. There was no defense, but Attorney Whaley questioned the witnesses for the court in regard to the time of their goods and from when they were stolen.

ay Hardy bound Laux over to the action of the grand jury, the his bond at \$1,375. In default of Laux went back to jail and his will probably be given attention by the next grand jury.

## PROPERTY OWNERS

On South Franklin Street Held a  
Meeting on Tuesday Evening.

Property owners representing a number of over 3,500 feet on South Franklin street, met Tuesday night at the second hand store of Henry McNaught and organized for the purpose of opposing the acceptance of the plan of Franklin street. A. O. Fenton was made chairman of the meeting and Joe Schoenle was elected secretary. It is understood that the property owners will stand together in the fight against the acceptance of the street. A committee composed of A. Henniger, H. McDermott and Joe Schoenle, was appointed to visit the property owners who were favorable to the movement and assess them for the employment of attorneys.

## DEATH RECORD.

HENRY HILDEBRANT.

Henry Hildebrant, one of the old citizens of the county, died at his home at the corner of King and Union streets at 5:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, aged 77 years. Bright's disease was the cause of death. The deceased was a retired farmer and formerly lived in Friends Creek township. He has been a resident of Macon county for the past 4 years. The remains were taken this afternoon to Argenta, Ill., for burial.

Triumph Court Officers.

Triumph Court, No. 17, Tribe of Iroquois, last evening elected the following officers:

Chief—W. T. Groat.  
Judge—W. Z. Walmsley.

Recorder—Dr. Pierce Collins.  
Treasurer—Mr. H. E. Weigand.

Captain—Mrs. Kate Sullivan.

Keeper of Tribune—George P. Lewis.

Scribe—Mrs. Ella Erwin.

Key of L. G.—Mrs. Damon.

Key of O. G.—Mr. Bonfield.

Camp Physician—Dr. Pierce Collins.

Dr. J. H. Eddy, Dr. A. L. Collier.

The new officers will be installed on the fourth Tuesday in January.

With the Sick.

A case of diphtheria is reported in the family of Mr. Crawford over 510 East Eldorado street.

Mr. Eccles, mother of Mrs. H. C. Anthony, is ill at her home in Clinton. Mrs. Anthony is with her.

John Ulrich is confined to his home with pneumonia.

The Dames society will meet to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 with Mrs. Day on East Eldorado street.

Colonel Clements' successor is still a matter of speculation. It is known that there are plenty of applicants, and that the trustees will decide the matter, but they are not giving out anything.

Employees III.

The immense business done before

Christmas in the large department stores has been the result of several cases of prostration among the clerks now that the reaction has set in. At all the stores the volume of business was much greater than was anticipated and while employees were added and everything done by the employers to make the work of the clerks as easy as possible, the rush and hurry participated cases of exhaustion which are but the natural consequence of the season's business. The following of the force of Linn & Brugge's store are now confined to their homes by sickness: Mrs. Minnie King, Miss Minnie Fremont, Miss Staples, Miss Hattie Crane, Miss Halmacher, Miss Maggie Tucker and Harry Nicholson.

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## PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

Catulle Mendes has been commissioned by the French government to write a report on the progress of French poetry for the 1900 exhibition. All European sovereigns, with the exception of the emperor of Germany, Queen Victoria, and the young king of Spain, possess the grand cross of the Legion of Honor.

The one poem most often translated into every language in the civilized and uncivilized world was written by a woman—The Ode to Aphrodite, by Sappho. Shakespeare's works have borne the test of but three, Sappho's have stood through 25 centuries.

A new Bismarck anecdote confirms the statesman's opinion of Wagner, the man. "I knew him," said the chancellor, "but it was impossible for me to care for him. At breakfast, dinner and supper every morning Wagner demanded admittance. I found myself too busy to give it."

The most surprised author in the country is Bronson Howard. He shelved "Grandideal" three or four years ago after having made a fortune out of his royalties. Jacob Litt revised it upon a most magnificent scale this season and with a splendid cast and it has been packing the theaters everywhere. It is said that Mr. Howard let Mr. Litt have the play at a purely nominal royalty, and now it is Litt who is gathering in all the money.

## ONE HERO IGNORED.

He refused to Hoist the White Flag, Even for a Truce, and Was Sat Upon.

During the blockade of Havana it became necessary for the United States cruiser to run near the harbor, and hoisting a flag of truce, communicated with the shore. The officer in charge of the cruiser told a sailor to run up the flag, and he refused.

It was announced that he said:

"Never shall such a flag be shown by an American ship while I'm aboard her!" or something like that, and, folding his arms, stood dramatically in the lee scuppers and waited for a file of marines to shoot him for mutiny.

A newspaper correspondent went to get a picture of this Spartan to play him up against Bill Anthony, the hero of the Maine, of whom the public at that time had heard all there was to hear.

He wanted some facts showing how the white flag man had promised his mother, while still not playing marbles, that he would never do anything to bring a blush to the cheek of the stars and stripes. The officer in command of the cruiser said:

"Yes, he refused to hoist the flag, but then he never does anything he's told. There wasn't any heroism about it. If we'd ask him to holystone the biplane he'd have refused to do that, too."

Please don't make a hero of him, or the whole navy will refuse to work. However, if you insist on seeing him, you'll find him down in the forecastle with a couple of sailors sitting on him, for he's fighting drunk at this moment. The light down there isn't very good for photographing and you wouldn't be able to see much of his face anyway, because the man who's sitting on it is rather stout."

And so it came to pass that particular hero was never Hobsonized—N. Y. Herald.

## A CUNNING HUSBAND.

How He Manages to Invigil His Wife Into Mending His Clothes.

"It is strange that I can't get my wife to mend my clothes," remarked Mr. Briddle in a tone of disgust. "I asked her to sew a button on this vest this morning, and she hasn't touched it."

"You asked her!" said Mr. Norris, with a slight shrug of his shoulders.

"Yes. What else should I do?"

"You haven't been married very long, so perhaps you will take a tip from me," answered Mr. Norris, with a saucy air. "Never ask a woman to mend anything. That's fatal."

"Why, what do you mean?"

"Do as I do. When I want a shirt mended, for instance, I take it in my hand and hunt up my wife. 'Where's the rag bag, Mrs. Norris?' I demand, in a stern voice.

"What do you want a rag bag for?" she says, suspiciously.

"I want to throw this shirt away; it's all worn out," I reply.

"Let me see it," she demands.

"But I put the garment behind my back. 'No, my dear,' I answer. 'There is no use in your attempting to do anything with it.'

"Let me see it," she reiterates.

"But it's all worn out, I tell you."

"Now, John, give me that shirt!" she says, in her most imperious tone.

"I hand over the garment."

"Why, John Norris," she cries, with womanly triumph, "this is a perfectly good shirt. All it needs is—

"And then she mends it."—Dallas (Tex.) News.

## OUTSIDE GARMENTS.

While furs are always popular and unquestionably will be so as long as women wear good garments and are fond of keeping warm and looking luxuriant, there is a very strong effort being made to popularize cloth outside garments and throw furs somewhat in the background. These fabric wraps are made and finished in the most painstaking and elaborate fashion, and are so elegant, stylish and becoming that women of fashion are turning to them as a relief from the monotony and somberness of the furs, to which they have clung for so many years.—N. Y. Ledger Monthly.

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## PERSONAL.

Mrs. S. J. Bumstead has returned from a visit with relatives in Danville.

Miss Ann Irish is spending the holidays in Michigan.

Mrs. Carl Rhuel of Centralia is ill at the home of Mr. Rhuel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rhuel.

Miss Grace Trump of Chicago is the guest of Decatur friends.

Leonard Casalotte of Assumption visited Decatur today.

Hurry Gake, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Jennie Gake, has returned to Nevada, Mo.

Scott Glore, who spent Christmas in the city with friends, returned last night to his home in Danville, Ky.

Mrs. Workman of Bloomington, with her daughter and grand daughter, are guests of Mrs. J. T. Finley of West Main street.

Frank Boyd, who was the guest of relatives on Christmas, has returned to his home at Omaha, Neb.

Mrs. Boyd and son, Frank, Jr., will return home on Friday.

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**HIS CAP AS SECURITY.**

The Way a Small Boy Got a Shovel  
and a Job of Cleaning  
a Sidewalk.

Mr. and Mrs. Blank were lingering over a late breakfast on Sunday morning when a loud ring of the bell announced the presence of some one outside of their door whose business seemed to be urgent. The maid answered the bell and discovered a small boy, who looked as if he had been blown in with the storm.

"Is the guy'nor here?" he asked.

"You mean Mr. Blank?"

"Yes, you're right again."

"What is your business?"

"Just tell him that Petey wants to see him most per-icular. Got that? Most per-icular."

The maid was so impressed with Petey's style that she carried in his message, and Mr. Blank went out to look at his visitor.

"You're the guy'nor?" said the small boy, inquiringly.

"Yes."

"And I'm Petey."

"Yes."

"Petey, you know."

"Well, I did not, but I do now."

"Yes, an' your walk ought to be cleaned."

"That seems to be a fair statement, Petey," said Mr. Blank.

"Well?" said Petey.

"Yes."

"I'm the man to do the job for you. I'll shovel her off, let me see. Well, seeing it's my first job for you, I'll make a deduction. I'll do her up in good shape for 25 cents."

"We will call that a bargain," said Mr. Blank.

"An' I'll just ask for the loan of a shovel while I am doing it."

Mr. Blank began to hedge a bit at this suggestion.

"How do I know that you won't run away with the shovel?" he asked.

Petey's expression was pained for a moment, and then he said:

"Well, guy'nor, I'm off my beat up here or you'd know I was honest. I'll tell you what I do now; I'll let you hold my hat while I have your shovel," and he pulled off a rugged cap and held it out.

"But this wouldn't be much security," said Mr. Blank. "The shovel is worth a dozen caps like this."

"Why, guy'nor, I wouldn't dare to go away with your shovel. Do you think I could face my master without my hat do you now?"

"Why?" asked Mr. Blank.

"Why! Why because she'd lick me for sure," and Petey's manner was so convincing that Mr. Blank let him have a shovel, and what is more, he got it back again. Petey added another house to his "regulars," and Mr. Blank has registered boy's caps as available securities if an occasion arises when such a thing should be necessary.—N. Y. Sun.

**GREAT ADVANTAGES.**

**It Doesn't Hurt When Learning to Ride the Bicycle If the Teacher Does the Falling.**

Mrs. C. (to a caller, Mrs. B.)—I think you just miss it not having a wheel, it is so much more fascinating than riding horseback or in a carriage. They are very economical, you know; they don't eat or drink, and I have had mine two weeks, and it has been to the repair shop only once or twice.

"Mine is one of the latest patterns, and all a person needs is a tire brush, a few old rags, some soap and water, a piece of emery cloth, some gasoline and a broom, to clean it, and a wrench, a hammer, a screwdriver, file, some tongs, a nipple wrench, the scissors and a pair of gloves to take it apart; and the same things, with a tire needle, some cement, a little oil and graphite, some wind, a little patience and a few hours' time will put it together.

"So you see the care of a wheel is the merest detail, because it has to be taken apart and put together only twice or three times a week, and in case you are not feeling equal to the task, one's husband is always ready to do it for you before breakfast or after office hours.

"And a person can learn to ride so easily, why it didn't hurt Mr. C. at all when I was learning. He fell down only a few times, and didn't spoil, but two or three suits of clothes. Of course, he is taking a vacation now; he says he doesn't think he is needed at the office, and I don't believe he is, or he would go, because I am sure his sprained ankle and broken thumb needn't be keeping him at home.

"You know they come in any color, and one can have them repainted as the fashion changes, for ten dollars, or for \$9.99 in some places.

"Don't you think you will have one, Mrs. B.? Of course, your husband may make some objection, but when he sees how cheaply it can be kept, I am sure he will let you have one; and then you can explain how you would be able to strap the baby onto the handle bars, saving him the trouble of wheeling it in the carriage. A baby is such a handy thing to have on a bicycle; it furnishes a splendid means of identification in case the wheel is stolen or lost.

"I am sorry you must go. You must be sure to call again."

"Good-by."

"Mary, get my bicycle suit ready, and telephone over to the repair shop that I must have my wheel at once, even if it isn't quite dry; and after I go you had better see to Mr. C., and leave him some fresh court plaster and arsenic, and tell him that I will ride only one journey to-day."—F. H. Taplin, in Truth.

A Confidence-Man.

"Why do you call Jimson a confidence man?"

"Because he's always taking people aside and telling them his private affairs under pledge of secrecy."—N. Y. Journal.

When you have eaten too much, or when you suffer from any form of Dyspepsia or Indigestion, remember that Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures what you eat. It cures the worst forms of Dyspepsia. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Hubbard.

For Pneumonia.

Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Argus, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in very severe cases of pneumonia, the past month with good results." H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Hubbard.

**LENT IN OLD HAVANA**

Sights of the Cuban City in Carnaval Time.

The Streets at Night Are Thronged with Crowds of Costumed Revelers Dancing at the Theater.

The first Sunday after our arrival was a carnival—a sort of "treating resolution" celebration, for Lent had already begun, and nothing could be less Lenten than the carriages and costumes which, about four o'clock, began to pour past our hotel (the Passage), all making the round of the Jaseo Isabella, and then out to the Prado and back—a circuit of a couple of miles or so.

Recalling the old proverb about Rome and the Romans, we accepted the invitation of friends to join the gay procession, and were presently seated in a fine barouche drawn by four horses, their tails plaited with red, white and blue ribbon—a delicate compliment to our nationality—and tied to the saddles in true Cuban fashion, while our negro driver was gotten up in the height of barbaric splendor.

In spite of our determination to be Roman, we had instinctively put on our hats to go out, but although the use of bonnets is becoming quite general in Cuba, they are not so during the carnival time, for nearly all the fair Habaneras whose carriages we met or passed had their own magnificent hair elaborately dressed and ornamented as their only headgear; and many of them were costumed as if for a ball—with uncovered shoulders and arms, and richly ornamented dresses of white or delicately tinted silk, with a profusion of jewels.

A few persons, both male and female, wore half masks, and a good many, apparently not of the haut ton, were draped in fancy costumes, some of them rather funny, but generally in poor taste; indeed, the same rule applied here which is found universal all over the world on such occasions—the best people were the quietest in dress, manner and deportment.

A few volantes, richly ornamented, as were the harnesses of the horses and the livery of the valeseros guiding them, joined the procession; but these carriages are almost banished from Havana by the more convenient victoria or barouche, while a few misguided emigres have brought home copies, which look sadly out of place in this out-door climate.

In the evening we attended the ball at the Tacon theater, and from a cogite of vantage in the first tier of boxes looked at the motley crowd of revelers below. Here again fancy dresses were the exception, and plain black dominoes and masks the rule; a favorite disguise being a complete and tight-fitting covering of black for the head, neck and shoulders, passing down inside the dress, so that not one line or point of those portions remained possible to recognition; while a handkerchief was wound, ne-gro fashion, around the head.

Many of them also had their skin covered and wore wigs of negro wool, with black gloves, but no bona fide negroes of either sex were admitted, and the company is as select as can be in such cases as imagined; plenty of balls being available at the same hour for persons of other classes.

Two bands at opposite points in the gallery furnished music of an exceedingly inartificial nature, but well adapted to its use of marking time for the dancers, who filled the floor without intermission from eight o'clock until three or four o'clock in the morning.

The only dance, however, was the danza criolla, or Cuban waltz, occasionally amplified into the four simple figures of the quadrille, but always coming back to the waltz movement peculiar to this climate and people, and more resembling the graceful posturing and undulatory movement of the Egyptian ghawazee than the rapid, heating, ungraceful gyrations of our American waltzers.

Returned to our pretty apartment, we seated ourselves in the balcony, and for another hour enjoyed the gay life of the city spread out at our feet, for although it was past midnight, the ear-ringers rolled by us merrily as ever, the plaza in front of the house was thronged with promenaders; the dance music floated through the fresh air not only from the Tacon theater opposite, but from a French ball going on at a hotel upon the Pasco Isabella; while the brilliant row of gaslights branching away in every direction, mapped out the streets more clearly than by day.

Night is, after all, the time to see Havana and its people to the best advantage, for it is seldom until about sunset that the ladies venture out except to early mass, while the evening is always chosen for the most ceremonial visits.—Mrs. Frank Leslie, in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.

What Happened to the Crowd?

A novel way of discovering a gold field was recounted by Hon. E. H. Wittenoom, agent-general for western Australia, in his lecture at a meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute, held at the Whitehall rooms recently, under the auspices of the earl of Onslow. In 1888 the Mallina gold field was discovered by a lad in this wise: The boy, in picking up a stone to throw at a crow, observed a speck of gold in it, and reported it to the nearest resident magistrate. This gentleman was so excited at the news that he telegraphed to the then governor and stated that a lad picked up a stone to throw at a crow, in his excitement omitting to say "and saw gold in it." So the governor wired back these words: "What happened to the crow?"—London Telegraph.

For Hoarseness.

Benj. Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice. It is used very largely by speakers and singers. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Hubbard.

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**SNOW IN ITS PROPER PLACE.**

The Rare Climatic Advantages of a Newly Acquired City of the United States.

"Gimme a pair of arties," said the cold-looking man to the clerk in the shoe store. The clerk looked pained at the mispronunciation, but rose superior to his feelings and hastened to make a sale. While he was fitting the arties he made a little conversational venture, a suggestion that the abundant snowfall had made it so cold that heavy foot covering was necessary.

"It ain't the cold and the amount of snow that bothers me," said the customer, "but it's the coming so almighty quick when you're not looking for it; that's what gets me. I ain't used to it."

"No snow where you come from?" asked the clerk as he finished buckling the left artie.

"Plenty of snow. Snow all the year around. Winter and summer just the same. Get used to the snow; but not to the way it has here."

"That must be worse than the Klondike. They tell me that the snow does melt there along about mosquito time. But your place where you have snow all the year long—well, all I can say is that I'm glad there ain't any such sort of climate in the United States."

"That's where you're away off. My town is decidedly in the United States and we've got a climate that you can't beat anywhere in the world. There isn't its match even in California and there's a pretty good climate out on the coast. Year in and year out there's just the same amount of snow and we know what depends on, for it never varies."

"Must be a good place to sell arties and rubber boots," the clerk suggested.

"Never was as much as a single pair seen in town," replied the cold-looking man, "and as a good part of the population go barefoot there isn't much chance that such a novelty in footwear would attract custom. Snow like this I can't stand. It comes on you all of a sudden and you get a cold in your head; and you can't make yourself feel warm no matter how many of them you take."

"Ain't the snow cold out your way?" asked the bewildered clerk.

"Cold? Well, I guess it's just about as cold as snow can manage to come, for it never melts. But we don't feel the same way. When I get up in the morning at my place I slip a linen duster over my pajamas and go down to the river for my swim, and on my way I stop and pick a banana or maybe a pineapple and look up and see it's been snowing again on the hills. Now, to my way of thinking, that's the kind of snow to have. It looks right pretty and it doesn't make you uncomfortable. It's a Christmas card climate."

By this time the clerk's head was swimming. It may have been because he was bending over to fix the right artie or it may have been because of the difficulty of believing this tale of climate. Even at the risk of spoiling the sale he was trying to make, his sense of meteorological accuracy got the better of him, and he said:

"I've listened to Californians talking about their climate, and I must say that even in their toughest stories they've always made it seem consistent. Los Angeles and San Diego people can get off some pretty stiff stories about oranges, but not even they pretend to grow bananas and pineapples and the really tropical fruits, and they'd never venture to talk about putting on a linen duster for a trip to an iceberg or a glacier. Ain't this cold snap enough for us to have to suffer without rubbing it up? At any rate, there ought to be a limit to stories about climate; they ought at least to seem reasonable. Where in the world is this place of yours with the chrome climate, pineapples and snow blockades all mixed up together? There isn't anything like that in the United States."

"That's where you're wrong," retorted the owner of the climate where arties are not needed. "We're as thriving a seaport as you can find in this country. We grow the best oranges in the world, the bunanas and the pine and the mango are ripening all the year round and nobody wears anything heavier than linen clothing. But the everlasting snow is always in our sight. It banks on the side and top of the mountain just behind the town, and while you are picking tropical fruits you can have the satisfaction of seeing all the snow you want, and just where you want it, which is somewhat different from the snow here, which seems to come thickest just where you don't want it. Now at my place I can mount my horse after breakfast and take my luncheon on a glacier if I'm looking for cold. And don't you make any mistake about it, we're in the United States, and you're going to hear more of us."

The only dance, however, was the danza criolla, or Cuban waltz, occasionally amplified into the four simple figures of the quadrille, but always coming back to the waltz movement peculiar to this climate and people, and more resembling the graceful posturing and undulatory movement of the Egyptian ghawazee than the rapid, heating, ungraceful gyrations of our American waltzers.

Returned to our pretty apartment, we seated ourselves in the balcony, and for another hour enjoyed the gay life of the city spread out at our feet, for although it was past midnight, the ear-ringers rolled by us merrily as ever, the plaza in front of the house was thronged with promenaders; the dance music floated through the fresh air not only from the Tacon theater opposite, but from a French ball going on at a hotel upon the Pasco Isabella; while the brilliant row of gaslights branching away in every direction, mapped out the streets more clearly than by day.

Night is, after all, the time to see Havana and its people to the best advantage, for it is seldom until about sunset that the ladies venture out except to early mass, while the evening is always chosen for the most ceremonial visits.—Mrs. Frank Leslie, in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.

What Happened to the Crowd?

A novel way of discovering a gold field was recounted by Hon. E. H. Wittenoom, agent-general for western Australia, in his lecture at a meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute, held at the Whitehall rooms recently, under the auspices of the earl of Onslow. In 1888 the Mallina gold field was discovered by a lad in this wise: The boy, in picking up a stone to throw at a crow, observed a speck of gold in it, and reported it to the nearest resident magistrate. This gentleman was so excited at the news that he telegraphed to the then governor and stated that a lad picked up a stone to throw at a crow, in his excitement omitting to say "and saw gold in it." So the governor wired back these words: "What happened to the crow?"—London Telegraph.

For Hoarseness.

Benj. Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice. It is used very largely by speakers and singers. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Hubbard.

Soothing, healing, cleansing, De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve is the incomparable enemy of sores, burns and wounds. It never fails to cure piles. You may rely upon it. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling.

Joseph Wamsley of Fairbury will receive \$3000 from the estate of his son, which amounted to over \$60,000 and is to be divided among 10 heirs.

For Pneumonia.

Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Argus, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in very severe cases of pneumonia, the past month with good results." H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Hubbard.

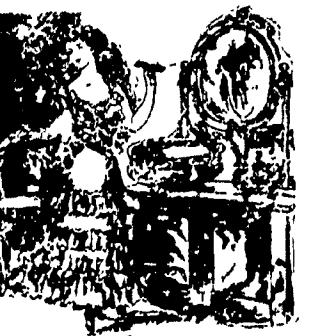
**To Cleanse White Fur.**

We will imagine that white caracole, ermine or fox has to be cleaned. All dust must, in the first place, be shaken out of the fur, which can then be laid out upon a table and rubbed well with liniment, moistened to a pastelike consistency with warm water. So that the fur may not be roughened, it is advisable to rub in the brain with a soft piece of white flannel, and the rubbing must be continued until the fur is quite dry. It should then be gently rubbed with dry bran, shaken and rendered soft and lustrous by the application of magnesia, rubbed in with a piece of book muslin. There is no objection to finally smoothing down the fur with a soft velvet brush. When dark fur has lost its luster, it is frequently found successful to lay hot rice flour upon it, and leave it covered with this for perhaps half an hour. The flour should then be shaken and brushed out.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

**Poster Pillow for the Divan.**

To make a poster pillow choose a poster that is of the realistic school—one that shows not more than three colors. Trace the figures on the stuff selected and then buttonhole them with a coarse silk on the pillow cover. Velvet or satin may be used, or two shades of linen, or even unbleached muslin.—Ladies' Home Journal.





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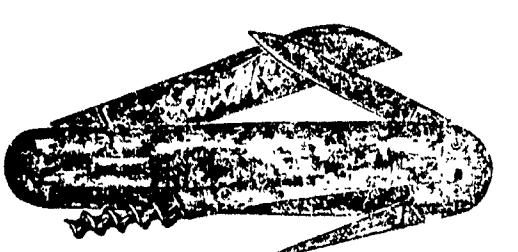
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Best line of pictures in the city. Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co., 22nd-dw.

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Do you want plastering done? If so telephone 1462, old phone. Decatur Hard Plaster Co. Perry & Oren—5-dt.

The latest sheet music, small instruments of every variety and the celebrated Chickering and Packard pianos at the C. E. Prescott music house. Make your selections.

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The holiday display made in the window of the establishment of E. E. Pennypacker, the meat merchant of Macon, attracted much favorable comment. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, two fat pigs stuffed ready to be slipped into the oven, together with Christmas greens and other decorations, made a fine display.

Let me say I have used Ely's Cream Balm for catarrh and it is thoroughly recommended for what it claims. Very truly, (Rev.) H. W. Hathaway, Elizabeth, N. J.

I tried Ely's Cream Balm, and to all appearances am cured of catarrh. The terrible headaches from which I long suffered are gone.—W. J. Hitchcock, late Major U. S. Vol. and A. A. Gen., Buffalo, N. Y.

A 10s trial size or the 50c size of Ely's Cream Balm will be mailed. Kept by druggists. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., N. Y.

Elder Spicor has preached his farewell sermon as pastor of the Christian church at Saunemin, and will be succeeded January 8 by the new pastor.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrheal Remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. Sold by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

A Chance to Visit Your Friends.

Holiday excursions via the P. D. and E. Ry. at cheap rates. Your ticket agent will tell you all about it. See him and get particulars.—2-28d

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To Mr. and Mrs. John May of Dalton City on Tuesday, December 27, a daughter.

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Will Repeat Performance.

The members of St. James' Catholic church will repeat their Christmas oratorio next Sunday evening, January 1. The entertainment will be given at the Turner hall.

Five Per Cent Money.

We have on hand a special fund to loan on first class real estate security at 5 per cent interest. Call at once.

Peddecoar, Burrows & Co.—31-dt.

Holiday Rates.

The Indiana, Decatur and Western railway will sell tickets between all stations and to all points in Central Passenger Association territory on December 23, 24, 25, 26, 28 and 31, and January 1 and 2, at one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good returning including January 3, 1894. For time of trains, rates, tickets and full information call on any L. D. and W. ticket agent or address John S. Lazarus, General Passenger Agent.—16-dw.

Home Forum Officers.

Decatur Forum, No. 10, H. F., elected officers last night as follows:

President—R. F. Davidson.

First Vice President—Mrs. Jennie Laws.

Second Vice President—L. T. Archer.

Secretary—Mrs. Anna Archer.

Treasurer—M. W. McHenry.

Historian—Mrs. Pauline Schulke.

Orator—Mrs. Sarah Welch.

Assistant Orator—Mrs. Priscilla Jacobs.

Porter—Mrs. Sarah Smith.

Guard—Mrs. Clara Shively.

Medical Examiner—Dr. A. M. Drew.

Director—Mrs. Pauline Schulke.

Several Fired.

Sherman Moore, the colored boy arrested for stealing and breaking a bicycle owned by Harry English, was before Justice Hardy Tuesday afternoon. He was held on a bond of \$100.

Smallpox in Illinois.

The Campbell family are down with the smallpox at Bigusville, a town on the Illinois side of the Mississippi river, opposite Burlington, Iowa.

Dr. Jack Merrick, the first physician to attend the family, is down with the disease. Secretary Eagan, of the Illinois board of health, has taken steps to prevent a spread of the disease.

The Farmers' Institute will meet in

Wenona January 4 and 5.

There is a Class of People

which are injured by the use of coffee. Recently these have been placed in all the grocery stores.

Now present a new product—The Royal Baking Powder.

It is the purest and most delicate starch receiver. It without doubt gives the best coffee ever made.

Children may drink it with great benefit.

It costs only 15¢ per package.

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and in default of bail was sent back to jail.

Theodore N. Smith, who was arrested Sunday night for beating his wife was before Justice Smith Tuesday, but his case was dismissed on account of the absence of the prosecuting witness.

Edward Hess was fined \$1 and costs by Justice Smith for disorderly conduct.

## CURTAIN RUNG DOWN.

Santa Claus Makes His Farewell Appearance for 1893.

The Christmas festivities were brought to a close last evening with the giving of the entertainment at the East Park chapel. The little drama presented by the Sunday school children was unique in character. In the center of the stage was erected a huge old fashioned fire place with a sure enough chimney. Seven elves assisted Santa in discriminating between the children that were deserving and those that were not. When Santa came down the chimney he was pounced upon by seven children and bound in a chair with ropes of popcorn. The seven little elves went out and brought Jack Frost, who invoked the aid of the frost fairies, little girls dressed in white. The snow man then appeared on the scene and the chimney elves brought in a Christmas pie from which when opened, five boys sprung out with songs. Santa was finally released and treated all the children alike, distributing his gifts with a free hand.

The entertainment was in the hands of Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Shay, Miss Ollie Kunkle, Miss Lillian Hamilton and Norman Coughlin.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Sons of Veterans last evening elected the officers to serve for the coming year as follows:

President—Mrs. Nellie Shultz.

Vice President—Mrs. Minnie Garow.

Guide—Miss Phoebe Smith.

Assistant Guide—Miss Lulu Garrow.

Guard—Myrtle Strader.

Outer Guard—Miss Rachel Campbell.

Secretary—Mrs. Anna Wood.

Treasurer—Miss Ida Haworth.

Trustees—Mrs. Mary I. Hamsher, Mrs. Donna Fleming, Mrs. Ernest Harkness.

Judge Advocate—J. M. Shultz.

Advisory Board—Ernest Harkness, Art Reynolds, Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mr. Bauer, Mr. Lanham.

Decatur Council, No. 16, R. and S. M., elected the following officers last evening:

T. I. M.—W. J. McGee.

I. D. M.—N. L. Krane.

P. C. W.—Sherman McClelland.

Treasurer—Joseph N. Baker.

Recorder—J. S. Carter.

Chaplain—A. M. Werner.

G. C. G.—George Strader.

C. C. C.—William Grindell.

Steward—Charles Starr.

Sentinel—P. J. Lowe.

## WILL NOT PROSECUTE.

Edward Drown and Delta Gates Will Get Out of Their Scrapes.

Edward Drown and Delta Gates will not be prosecuted for stealing the goods found in their possession.

Meeker and Maloney, the proprietors of the dry goods store from the back of which place the staff was stolen, applied for a warrant. The goods however, were left outside the store and it would be necessary to prove an intent to steal. The goods have been returned and nothing will be done unless the matter is taken up by the grand jury which meets next week.

**List of Patents**

Granted to Illinois inventors this week.

Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., patent attorneys, Washington, D. C.

E. DaMoulin, Greenville, dummy testing; A. Unis, Streator, tank heater; O. A. Hoak, Sterling, bolt cutter; G. H. Hurlbut, Elmhurst, magazine camera; W. A. Kilmer, Del. Plains, picket forming machine for wire fences; A. S. McCaskey, La Grange, calculating machine; W. F. Natschke, Buckley, cultivator and draft equalizer; F. Oswald, Alhambra, drawing desk. For copy of any of the above patents send one in postage stamps with date of this paper to C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.

**HOLIDAY RATES.**

W. L. Hancock of the

Decatur civil service board of examination, gives the following figures as the result of the examination held October 22 last, 70 per cent being necessary to pass:

Clerks—Miss Clara Mechillot, 76.80.

Theo. A. Funk, 87.80; John E. Miller, 85.65; Will R. Ellington, 79.90; James A. Harkader, 74.95; R. G. Hanks, 72.35; William Starr, 69.30.

Carrriers—Homer A. East, 92.32.

Frank S. Hunsley, 85.25.

**Postmaster.**

W. S. Williams has been appointed

postmaster at Fullerton in DeWitt county in place of H. A. Park, re-

signed.

**Mt. ZION.**

John C. Boyce, the grain dealer at

## MACON COUNTY CORN CROP

Reliable Review of the '98 Yield Given by Townships—Good Average.

The yield of corn in Macon county this year will not be as poor as might be expected after all the misfortunes that the elements have thrown in the way of the corn growers. A good many thousand acres of the best land in the country, located within the bounds of this county, were planted in corn this year.

## AUSTIN.

In Austin township after the gathering of the corn crop began the farmers felt better than they did before that time. There is a wide difference in the various parts of the township. Some fields will nearly come up to the average and others will not yield 30 bushels per acre.

## BLUE MOUND.

The farmers of Blue Mound township have suffered with the rest, but not so badly as in some other parts of the county. The corn was not blown down so badly but dry rot did considerable damage. The greatest yields in the township will probably be 45 bushels.